



**Red Rock Canyon State Park  
General Plan Amendment**

**PUBLIC MEETING #1  
June 14, 2003**

**VERBAL COMMENTS**

- **Dave Matthews-**
  - Recommend SRA at least for a portion of the new acreage.
  - To allow activities not allowed in State Parks
- **Russ Johnson, Senator Ashburn's Office-**
  - Concern for advance notice to public. Thinks time to review and comment not adequate
  - Reference: Letter of March 2003 to planning team
  - New Letter read
- **Georgette Theotig.-**
  - Likes increased protection of Red Buttes
  - Concerns for impacts in Nightmare Gulch
  - How monitor & enforce permit in Nightmare Gulch
  - Historical Use should be second to protection of resources from impacts
- **Dean Webb-**
  - Not obviously represented here is general tourist
  - Suggest team look at how general tourist will use Last Chance Canyon
- **Geoff Teare-**
  - Thanks for Nightmare Gulch
  - Want to see science behind other closures
  - Keep Steep trail & "pinnacles for 4WD & MC (technical route)
  - Steep trail to Rockhouse
  - Open
- **Stan Haye-**
  - Good overall plan
  - Close Nightmare Gulch
  - Agrees with other closures
  - Lot of other technical routes outside Red Rock
  - Closure First- prove why need to open

- **Greg Benecke-**
  - Glad to see Astronomy needs met
- **Jerry Grimsley-**
  - Suggested permit to Nightmare Gulch a hindrance
  - Recommend self-registration process.
- **Ron Schiller-**
  - Concern for confining equestrians to existing roads & trails
  - Rockhounding- consider existing published areas outside Opal mines in Last Chance Canyon
  - Recommend form AD Hoc park user committee
  - Nightmare Gulch- Permit should be for all not just one user group
  - Agrees with earlier comments to give more time to review documents prior to meetings
- **Ed Waldheim-**
  - DPR- is a bout preservation
  - DPR/OHV Division- is about Multi-use
  - Designate claims- and show them on the map
  - Trails are not a fragmentation of habitat
  - Don't want to lose vehicle access to trails
  - We can help manage
  - Don't close anything until West Mojave Plan process complete
  - Corner at Pleasant Valley is private property. You can't direct people across private property.
  - Threat to challenge classification with legislation for SRA
  - Want to help preserve with access
  - SVRA's contain the best resources of DPR
- **Bugs Fontaine-**
  - This is not new info
  - Why are we here- "... because Red Rock is a special place"
  - Do what's right for the resources.
- **Paul Condon-**
  - Would appreciate advance info to better comment on plan.
- **Jeanie Haye-**
  - Disappointed Nightmare Gulch open

- **Reginald East-**
  - Disagree with Ashburn & CORVA
  - Thanks for effort
  - Good plan
  - With 1200 miles trails in Dove/Jawbone, why so much pressure here.
  - You will have to amend DPR mission if CORVA gets its way
  - If class SRA will create problems can't enforce if Last Chance Canyon classified differently from existing park
  - Tourism includes international. Red Rock is known internationally
- **Darrel Readmond-**
  - Question: Are all routes open to motorized vehicles also open to green sticker vehicles. If so, why? Concern for Conflict on roads by Equestrian & MCs, Quads.
- **Ted Eyde-**
  - Unpatented mining claim between private in S. Please modify boundary of present to accommodate claim.
  - Has conditional-use permit & reclamation plan approved by Kern County.
- **Joe Fontaine-**
  - Has been using Red Rock for 50 years
  - Likes plan
  - Object to Nightmare Gulch being open
  - More OHV opportunities are coming to area outside Red Rock
  - As an amateur astronomer likes dark sky preservation guideline
  - Questions what is possible to hunt in area? Recommends we consult Department of Fish & Game for information
  - Rockhounding-Most "float" is gone. Likes idea that it could be offered in Opal Mines area.